

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
26 Aug 52	LATHROP WELLS NEV	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Local 26/0010 PST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Vision	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar
GMT 26/0810 Z	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Vision	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS	6. SOURCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capt. USAF(rated observer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE
	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. DETAILED SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	11. COMMENTS	
<p>Spherical object, first appearing as small oval mass of lights, approached observer at over 1000 mph. Object halted momentarily, executed 90-120 degree turn, began gentle climb with sudden acceleration, then extinguished leaving blue-white contrail. Contrail extinguished immediately, no noise from object at any time.</p>		

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYER/ERT	100-100-0001	
AREA REPORTED ON SW Nevada, US	FROM (Agency) Intelligence, 131st FBW, George AFB, Calif	
DATE OF REPORT 29 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 26 August 1952	EVALUATION B-2 (unk)
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Paul Pobaczek	SOURCE Captain [REDACTED] USAF, [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Not Applicable		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

An unidentified flying object was observed from the ground in the vicinity of Zephry Wells, Nevada, during the night from 25 to 26 August 1952. Location of sighting falls within 130 mile radius of previous similar sightings, one of which reported by this office on 12 May 1952.

Salient characteristics were: tremendous rate of speed, brilliant illumination, spherical in shape, estimated altitude between 3,000 and 8,000 feet, abrupt halting followed by sharp turn, great acceleration, steep climb, extinguishing of light and momentary appearance of V-shaped contrail. Duration three to five seconds.

Paul Pobaczek
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AT 150010
8 Oct 52

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INCL 1. Inf as per AFL 200-5, par 7d.
2. Statement, Captain [REDACTED] Source.
3. Sketch of location and description of sighting.

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1. One (1) spherical object, first appearing as small oval mass of lights, approaching at rate of speed estimated in excess of 1,000 miles per hour and increasing in relative size to approximately 100 ft. in diameter. Bright illumination increased with decrease in distance. No sound, trail or exhaust over approach. Altitude estimated between 3,000 & 8,000 ft. Halts momentarily at closest point of observation, then executed abrupt turn of more than 90° (but less than 120°) began gentle climb and started sudden acceleration immediately following which illumination completely extinguished, steep climb began and only vapor trail remained to indicate direction of flight and rate of climb. Contrail was divided as in V-share, apex indicating direction and climb. Upper half of trail had bluish tinge with crystal light objects at lower edge. Lower part of contrail was a white light. Center of V was a dark cone. Contrail extinguished immediately following. No sound from object at any time during sighting.

2. Time of sighting: 0010 PST, 26 August 1952. Duration of observation: 3-5 seconds.

3. Manner of observation: visual from ground. Observer wearing amber night driving glasses, reducing glare and affording definite profile edge.

4. Location: 36°39' N, 116°26' W. Approx 2 miles NW of Mathop Wells, Nevada. Object approached from SF, when momentarily halted appeared to be 1 to 3 miles distant, then disappeared toward NE (See sketch page three).

5. Source: Has 12 years rated USAF Observer time. Definitely excludes any possibility of optical illusion. Source rated as reliable.

6. Weather in area at time of sighting: Clear with 15 miles visibility

3,000	180	7 knots
4,000	170	10
6,000	190	10
8,000	200	15
10,000	190	20
12,000	180	20
14,000	180	17
16,000	190	20
20,000	230	22
25,000	240	15
30,000	220	20
40,000	220	25
45,000	220	25

7. Activities or conditions which might account for sightings: None

8. No physical evidence or photographs.

9. No interception or identifying action taken.

10. No known Air Traffic in general area at time of sighting.

L.A. Silverman
L.A. SILVERMAN
Major, USAF

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"At 0010 PST, 26 August 1952, I observed a strange object which came into vision of the windshield of my car. At this time my position was a few miles northwest of Lathrop Wells, Nevada. This object first appeared as a small oval light traveling at an extremely high rate of speed. Its course of travel appeared to be from the vicinity of Baker Airport which was south, southeast of me, at that time approximately 60 to 70 miles. This object, as it approached me, grew larger in proportion but maintained its spherical appearance. The illumination was greater as it approached. There was no apparent noise of this object. My car windows were completely lowered due to the warm night. I also had on a pair of ground amber night-driving glasses. This object appeared through the glasses as it approached to have a definite edge. It approached approximately to the center of the windshield, then made a definite sharp turn in a north-easterly direction. As it went away from me the light disappeared completely and a small divided V-type contrail appeared with the point of the V indicating a climb in attitude. The upper half of the contrail had a bluish tint to it and crystal-like objects. The lower half of the contrail was a white light in appearance. It was a definite V-type contrail with a black center, two rays of light that came to a point. The acceleration away from me in that small period of time appeared to be greatly increased. Again at a closer distance than when it was first observed there was no apparent sound. Note: The side window and the window on the left-hand front door of my car was completely open at that time. The rate of travel of my car was approximately 15 to 20 miles per hour. My wife and I both picked up this object in the windshield at the same time and we commented to each other about it. When the object disappeared the time was checked and it was 0010 PST by our watches. The length of time this was observed could not have been over 3 to 5 seconds. Of course, the matter of observation was visual. The exact latitude and longitude at that time was $36^{\circ}39' N$, $116^{\circ}26' W$. The distance away would be difficult to judge, but at the turning point it appeared to be within a one to three mile distance. As the object was very bright and very distinct in size at that point, I would estimate the altitude to be somewhere between 3,000 and 8,000 ft, and that it did maintain a constant altitude across the front of the windshield.

I have had twelve (12) years of flying, rated combatier-navigator, combat missions in Germany and Korea.

There was no fragmentary or photographic evidence of the sighting.

The incident was reported to the Intelligence Section, 131st Fighter Bomber Wing, George Air Force Base, California, on 27 August 1952, upon arrival at that station."

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Capt, USAF
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Map showing the apparent path of an object over the California-Nevada border. The map includes state and county boundaries, roads, and geographical features like Carrara, Lathrop Wells, Shoshone, and Death Valley. A dashed line represents the path of the object, with handwritten notes along the way.

APPEARED PATH OF OBJECT

- Only vapor trail remaining
- Lights out, steep climb N
- Sudden acceleration and gentle climb
- Degree of turn more than 90°, not more than 120° after momentary hesitation
- Clearcut profile of disc or sphere
- Continuous increase in size and brilliance
- Seemed to be approaching from vicinity of Baker

MAP REFERENCE:
1:500,000
R-2 Los Angeles
S-2 Mt Whitney

To
Silver Lake
and
Baker

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